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# New trial in LRT death

Family of dead teenager outraged after provincial court sides with defence

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**Members of a Calgary family say they are disgusted after receiving word that the woman originally convicted of second-degree murder in the death of 17-year-old Gage Prevost has been granted a new trial.**

The province's top court ruled yesterday that Natalie Pasqua, 28, will be given another trial. It cited "prejudicial and incorrect" proceedings during the first trial, during which it said the judge made a combination of errors.

When Metro contacted the Prevost family, Karen Prevost, the victim's aunt, said the family hadn't yet

been informed of the decision.

"The fact myself or my family was unaware of this and the media is, shows another example of the justice system completely ignoring us as victims," she said.

"The murder of Gage has been excruciating for my family to this day and the trial was a

small part for us to feel some justice."

Gage Prevost was allegedly pushed in front of an oncoming train at the 8th Street SW location on Aug. 1, 2007, by

Pasqua over a small drug debt.

Dale Prevost, the victim's father, said he is

angry at the justice system.

"They are just making it easier for criminals to get out of jail, and I'm sure bad guys are watching and looking at how easy it is for them," he told Metro. "It's a joke."

While outraged, he said he expected the decision, though he was surprised that all three judges sided with Pasqua's defence at-

torney that the trial was unfair.

"Things like this happen across the country all the time," he added.

Prevost's relatives say they are reluctant to endure the pain of another trial.

Pasqua was originally sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 12 years.

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**CanadaDay**

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The Calgary Zoo welcomed the addition of four new swift fox pups in April — the first in 16 years — and they are just now venturing out into their surroundings.

## Swift fox pups zoo's first in 16 years

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**CRITTERS** The Calgary Zoo's four new bundles of joy are finally out to play.

For the first time in 16

years, swift fox pups were born into the Calgary Zoo, with four delivered during the week of April 22. The quartet is now just venturing out into the public eye, zoo spokesperson Laurie Herron said.

"They are so cute, small and shy, but everyone loves them when they have a chance to see them. They are just so adorable," Herron said.

Born to parents Beren and Foxy Cleopatra, the

pups are usually out during the early morning and late afternoon, Herron said.

"We've heard a lot of good things about them so far. Everybody is pretty excited, we're just thrilled."

## Investor's support saves Marda Gras

**FESTIVAL** Art McKenna has never been to the Marda Gras Street Festival in Marda Loop, but that didn't stop him from stepping up at the last minute to save the event.

With his title sponsorship, the festival can continue for its 25th year.

"We live and die on community support," said McKenna, who owns Oasis Greens and Calgary Family Golf Centres. "I thought I would ... help them out."

McKenna said supporting the festival is no different from supporting a charity golf tournament.

He said they will add a hole-in-one putting challenge, with the proceeds going towards the Calgary Homeless Foundation.

The Marda Loop Revitalization Zone had been struggling to get the required \$20,000 to hold the festival.

Bernadette Geronazzo, executive director of the Marda Loop BRZ, said more than 20 businesses in the area also stepped up. The festival will be held Aug. 9.

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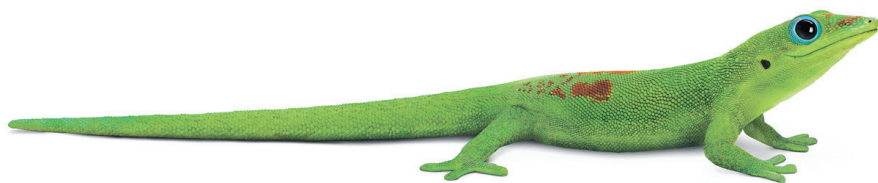
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**Boy hurt after opening water bottle with alkaline in it**

A nine-year-old boy suffered burns and a nosebleed after opening a plastic water bottle that was filled with alkaline in a park in Red Deer over the weekend, police said. RCMP are warning parents and children but don't believe harm was intended. **METRO CALGARY**

# Local



## Bands for Virgin Fest to be named

An eagerly awaited press conference set for today will finally let Calgarians in on the secret of what big bands will be headlining this summer's Calgary Virgin Festival at Canada Olympic Park in August. Last year, Stone Temple Pilots and The Tragically Hip headlined the massive musical weekend. **METRO CALGARY**

# Stampede dust-up on eve of rodeo

## Calf-roping irks Vancouver Humane Society

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**The Calgary Humane Society is being called out by the Vancouver Humane Society for not taking a tough enough stance against the Calgary Stampede's calf-roping event.**

Peter Fricker, spokesperson for the Vancouver Humane Society, which is a separate entity from the Calgary version of the organization, said he feels they should make a clear position either for or against the controversial calf-roping event.

"We want them to be

**"It seems some groups are afraid to stand up to the Calgary Stampede."**

Peter Fricker

clear and publicly announce their official position. We think they appear to be a little soft with the Calgary Stampede," Fricker said.

Fricker said he thinks the Calgary Stampede has a powerful hold over some Calgary organizations and media.

"It seems some groups are afraid to stand up to the

Calgary Stampede," he added.

Fricker said he would like to see the popular 10-day rodeo fair abolish calf-roping altogether, much like when the Cloverdale rodeo in B.C. ended the same event in 2007.

"We think many people would be supportive of the ban and we find that even some rodeo fans don't like or support the calf-roping event."

The Calgary Humane Society was unavailable for comment but earlier yesterday, spokesperson Pamela Amos told other media the organization works closely with the Calgary Stampede.

# Celebrate Canada Day in style



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**FUN** A whole host of activities awaits those looking to stoke the fires of patriotism this Canada Day in Calgary.

Calgarians in the mood to wake up on Canada Day with a pancake breakfast have a choice of where they can eat, with both Fort Cal-

## Calgary Tower

- Calgary Tower cauldron flame will be lit at 10:30 p.m. until midnight.

gary and Heritage Park flipping the flat snacks beginning at 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. respectively.

Both parks will also host a variety of events throughout the day.

City of Calgary Canada Day co-ordinator Stephanie Barnett said the city is

throwing two large parties, one at Prince's Island Park from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., and then another celebration at Olympic Plaza at 7 p.m.

"There is something for everyone at both of these events. There are family-driven events and also things for older people as well," she said.

The celebrations will be capped off with a fireworks display around 10:45 p.m. at Olympic Plaza, Barnett added.

## Movie magic Christmas in June?



A film crewman adds the finishing touches to a winter wonderland setup yesterday for a new Fox movie being shot around the Pengrowth building downtown.

## Warrant issued in murder case

**SUSPECT** A year after the gruesome murder of a father of two in his southwest Calgary home, police have issued a Canada-wide warrant for a second suspect in his death.

Homicide Staff Sgt. Rick Tuza said the murder was horrific enough to warrant first-degree murder charges, though police believe robbery was the motive in the death of Daniel Jacob Levesque in his home on June 28, 2008.

"It was a brutal murder and investigators described the crime scene as ... disturbing," Tuza said.

Police have already charged Sheldon Worme with first-degree murder and also charged a woman with being an accessory after the fact in connection with Levesque's death.

Investigators believe Aaron Lee Stevens may be in Edmonton, Lethbridge or possibly B.C.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

## News in brief

**SAFETY** The province's new Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulations will consolidate nine previous sets of regulations for the operation of commercial vehicles and will cover commercial vehicles, school buses and some small vehicles.

**SATELLITE** Telus Satellite TV was launched yesterday, and is available to more than 90 per cent of

Alberta homes, the communications company said yesterday.

**HEALTH** Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann is calling on Alberta Health Minister Ron Liepert to release the final Alberta Health Services deficit numbers during the Alberta Health Services board meeting today — or in the Government of Alberta Annual Report. **METRO CALGARY**

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What's online today.

**Your Money** Allan Small on the best investments for income growth as the market rally gains strength at [metronews.ca/investing](http://metronews.ca/investing)  
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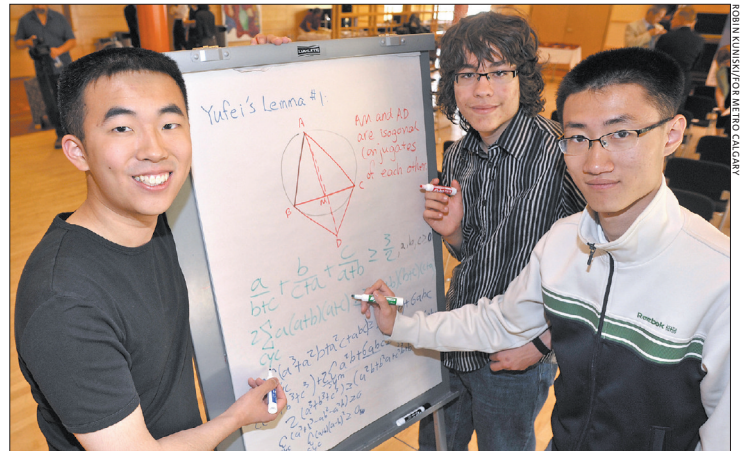
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Calgary residents' property taxes are due today. A seven per cent add-on to any unpaid taxes can be charged to late payments. **METRO CALGARY**



Danny Shi, 18, left, Hunter Spink, 15, and Jarno Sun, 17, were selected as Calgary's brightest mathletes for Team Canada. They are headed to Bremen, Germany, for the 50th International Mathematical Olympiad.

## Mathletic domination

### Three Calgary students off to Math Olympiad

JOEL MESSNER  
for Metro Calgary

**Three Calgary students are off to Germany to flex their mathematical muscles for Canada.**

Canada is sending them and three other students to Bremen to compete in the 50th International Mathematical Olympiad.

"We worked pretty hard, starting from when we were very small, since Grade 6, Grade 7, so we're really excited to be going," said Danny Shi, a student at Sir Winston Churchill

High School.

The mathletes are taking this competition very seriously as they know this is their chance to represent their country.

"It means a lot to us to represent Canada. It is an honour to be on the team," said Hunter Spink, who attends Calgary's Western Canada High School.

These all-stars of algebra are also excited for the chance to go to Germany to compete in the math-lympics.

"There are over a hundred other countries at the mathematical Olympiad so

we get a chance to interact with a lot of other students and see Germany," said Jarno Sun, who also goes to high school at Western Canada.

Even though all six mathletes are representing Canada, the students from Calgary represent half of the team.

"It's Calgary domination and it feels pretty good," said Shi.

The Mathletes stump CityTV's Mike McCourt at: [metronews.ca/local](http://metronews.ca/local)



## Laguna Way shooting victim was target: Cops

AMY GREGSON  
for Metro Calgary

**CRIME** Calgary police believe the victim in Sunday's Laguna Way NE shooting was targeted.

The victim was working in his garage around 4:30 p.m. when a passenger got out of a vehicle and fired a

single shot, which missed the victim and then entered a neighbouring house, said Staff Sgt. Keith Cain.

"It doesn't mean for sure that it's gang related, but they have some type of relations," said Cain.

The victim is known to police, said Cain, but not believed to be a gang mem-

ber.

Cain said the vehicle used in the escape was a grey or silver Honda Civic.

The passenger is believed to be a five-foot-seven white male with medium build who was wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans. The driver is also believed to be a white male, about six-feet tall with medium build.

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# Canada



## Vaccine set for October: Official

Canada aims to start immunizing its population against influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, in October but has not yet decided who should be a priority for getting the shot, the country's top public health official said yesterday. "We're hoping that we'll be on track for having the vaccine, start immunizing in late October so that we can complete immunizing before Christmas," said Dr. David Butler-Jones, chief public health officer at the Public Health Agency of Canada. **REUTERS**

## Rejection of spouses cruel: MP

**IMMIGRATION** Almost half of the husbands and wives in southern China and central Africa who want to rejoin their spouses in Canada are refused, a situation MP Olivia Chow calls cruel and arbitrary.

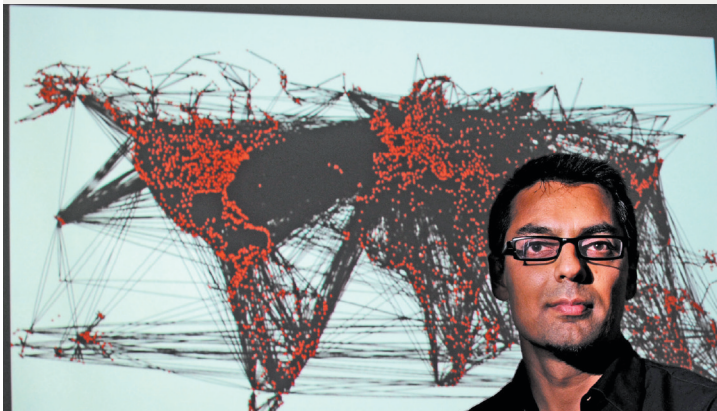
Chow, the NDP immigration critic, yesterday released spousal sponsorship numbers supplied by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

That this country makes it tough for some couples to be reunited is no surprise to a Markham, Ont., engineer. To try to get his wife Dixie Ann here, he's spent a year scaling a mountain of bureaucracy stacked with family photographs and questions about minutiae such as in-laws' birthdates.

"The system encourages you not to tell the truth," says Nabbie. "I know three people who came here on regular visas and applied here."

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## Toronto Path of Khan



Dr. Kamran Khan stands in front a diagram of international flight travel paths at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. The Toronto doctor developed a scientific system that can predict the spread of infectious disease based on air traffic patterns, including influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, when it spread to the U.S. and Canada.

## News in brief

**MINING** Mines in Honduras operated by Yamana Gold and Breakwater Resources are operating normally despite an unfolding political crisis in the Central American nation, the mines' Canadian owners said yesterday following a military coup over the weekend.

**REUTERS**

**MINT** The federal government

has ordered an immediate review of security at the Royal Canadian Mint after an external audit suggested criminal activity could be behind the disappearance of \$15.3 million worth of gold. The months-long external review ruled out sloppy bookkeeping or accounting errors for the fact that 17,500 troy ounces of gold

(about 544 kilograms) has gone missing, raising the possibility that thieves took the precious metal. "A higher amount of gold should be on hand than the physical amount of gold counted," concludes the report. More than \$15 million in precious metals may have been stolen.

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## Defence argues system abuse in polygamy case

Lawyers blame political interference

**Improper political interference led to polygamy charges being filed against two members of a breakaway sect of the Mormon Church, a court was told yesterday.**

The court was asked to toss out the charges against the members of U.S.-based Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), which has been reported for years to be practicing plural marriages in a rural town in British Columbia.

The case is the first major test of Canada's more than century-old polygamy law, which some civil rights lawyers have warned may violate the country's constitutional protections of religious freedom.

Defence lawyers said British Columbia's attorney general abused the system by appointing a new

## Men charged

- While the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Bountiful, B.C., shuns outside contact, some members have acknowledged that polygamy is practised.
- Winston Blackmore is accused of having 20 wives, while James Oler is accused of having two wives.

special prosecutor after one appointed in 2007 declined to file charges because the case was likely not winnable.

The new prosecutor did file charges.

The province decided to use a special prosecutor to avoid a potential conflict of interest because its own internal criminal prosecutors had warned in the 1990s the law was likely unconstitutional.

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Gay rights activists in Moscow plan to ignore a ban and rally in favour of same-sex marriages when U.S. President Barack Obama visits next week, one of their leaders said yesterday. Russia decriminalized homosexuality in 1993 but tolerance is not widespread and Moscow's authorities often ban protests in support of gay rights. **REUTERS**

**Russian gays ready to protest during Obama visit**

# World



## Race-based promotions ruling overturned

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday that New Haven, Conn., discriminated against a mostly white group of firefighters who were denied promotions, overturning a decision by high court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, left. At issue in the case was whether a city can, as New Haven did, throw out the results of a firefighter promotion exam after it yielded too many qualified white applicants and no acceptable black candidates. The high court ruled it cannot. **REUTERS**

## Madoff gets 150 years

**From rubbing elbows with millionaires to sharing a prison yard with drug dealers and gangsters, Bernard Madoff's life is about to change dramatically.**

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons has not decided where Madoff, who orchestrated a Ponzi scheme that bilked investors out of billions of dollars, will serve his 150-year sentence.

Madoff was sentenced yesterday to the maximum

### Strong signal

- The White House said yesterday the judge who sentenced confessed swindler Bernard Madoff to 150 years in prison had sent a strong signal to investors who handle other people's money.

penalty the judge could give him for "extraordinarily evil" crimes in Wall Street's biggest and most

brazen investment fraud.

Fleeced investors in the courtroom cheered and applauded as the judge handed down the penalty.

Madoff, 71, stood passively with his hands clasped at his waist, showing no reaction when he heard the sentence that will send him to prison for the rest of his life. If prison officials decide to keep him close to home, Madoff could end up in the Federal Correctional Institution in Otisville,

N.Y., a medium-security prison about 70 miles northwest of New York City that houses 1,100 inmates.

After initial isolation, Madoff likely will have a cell mate. In Otisville, potential bunk mates include Emory Clash Jones, a drug dealer; James Coonan, a noted gangster; Gregory Rago, a mob soldier; and Blake Prater, a comparatively small-scale Ponzi artist. **REUTERS**



A supporter of Honduras' President Manuel Zelaya rallies outside the presidential house in Tegucigalpa yesterday.

## Honduran coup widely denounced

**CENTRAL AMERICA** Honduras came under pressure yesterday to reinstate ousted President Manuel Zelaya as many Latin American leaders agreed to withdraw envoys, Washington said the ouster was illegal and protesters took to the streets.

Police in the Honduran capital fired tear gas at stone-throwing supporters of Zelaya, who was toppled in an army coup on Sunday. They arrested about two dozen people.

Zelaya was detained and sent into exile Sunday in a dispute over his push to extend presidential terms.

Left-wing Latin American

leaders led by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced that they would withdraw their ambassadors from Honduras in protest at the coup.

In Washington, U.S. President Barack Obama said it would be a "terrible precedent" to move back into an era of military coups, and added the ouster was "not legal." Zelaya said he will travel back to Honduras Thursday, in defiance of the coup. Speaking in Nicaragua, Zelaya said Organization of American States chief Jose Miguel Insulza had offered to accompany him to Honduras. **REUTERS**

## Iran declares election case closed

### IranCrisis

**ELECTION** Iran confirmed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as president and said controversy over his June 12 reelection was over, leaving opponents who cried foul with few options.

Iran's top legislative body, the Guardian Council, said a partial recount yesterday had disproved complaints of irregularities by pro-reform opponents, who said the count was inadequate and that only annulling the election would do.

Riot police beefed up their presence in the capital Tehran but there were no

### Probe into killing

- Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has called for a judicial probe into the "suspicious" death of a young woman, Neda Agha-Soltan, who has become an icon of opposition protests against a disputed election that he offi-

cially won. He accused foreign media of using the case for propaganda purposes. Neda, a 26-year-old music student, was shot on June 20. Footage of her death has been watched by thousands on the Internet.

Islamic Revolution.

Options for the opposition look limited now that the election result has been officially upheld. **REUTERS**

Look back on how events have unfolded with our ongoing Unrest in Iran Section, at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

### News in brief

**CRIME** Child pornography was downloaded from a Swiss hip-hop music website to around 2,300 computers in 78 countries, Swiss police said yesterday. A police spokesman said videos of minors engaged in

sexual acts were hidden in a Swiss site where principal content was "perfectly legal."

**FERTILITY** Two new techniques to preserve and transplant ovaries might give women a better chance to fight their bi-

ological clocks and have children when older, doctors announced yesterday. Recent advances could make the procedure more widely available, helping women avoid fertility problems as they age. **REUTERS**

## Yemeni plane crashes in Comoros

**CRASH** A total of 153 people were on board a Yemen Airways aircraft that crashed in the waters of the Indian Ocean archipelago of Comoros yesterday, an airline official said.

"Not yet," the official told Reuters when asked whether the airline had information about survivors, adding that the 142 passengers included nationals of France and the Comoros. The Airbus 310 aircraft that also carried an 11-strong crew was en route from Sanaa to Moroni in the Comoros, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Comoros Interior Minister Hamid Bourhane said the army had sent speedboats to search. "At the moment we don't have any information about whether there are any survivors," he said. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

# Something to celebrate

## NationalReport

Lawrence  
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With all the problems on this continent, what a nice diversion it is on Canada Day and the Fourth of July to have Iran to kick around.

Instead of the recession, the collapse of the auto sector, the wreckage in corporate America, we feast on the question of who won the Iranian election.

This type of digression is much in keeping with the Americans' way. They focus on a country with larger problems than their own and portray that country as representing danger at the door. It's called threat inflation. George W. Bush did it with Iraq. Created a bogus

threat, started a major war. Bill Clinton bombed Baghdad in the very week he faced impeachment hearings over a sex scandal. Ronald Reagan took out Grenada when he faced a crisis. Lyndon Johnson

hugely overstated the domino theory to promote the war in Vietnam. Before him there was the ludicrous concoction known as McCarthyism.

In Iran, we don't know who won the election. There is little doubt there was much voter fraud, but advance polls had Mahmoud Ahmadinejad far in front. He may well have won despite the fraud. But who can blame the opposition, urged on by surging support from abroad, from taking to the streets to challenge the verdict. The Mir Hossein Mousavi-led opposition, by the way, has



a nuclear policy similar to Ahmadinejad's. But that is seldom mentioned.

The difference this time, and for this we in Canada can be grateful — is there is a cool head in the White House.

Barack Obama operates from a global perspective instead of the narrow nationalist one of his predecessor. He recognizes the historic offences perpetrated against Iran by Western powers, one example being the CIA-sponsored overthrow of the Iranian government in 1953. He speaks out against the clampdown against democratic rights in Tehran, as he should, but his overall thrust is to mend fences with the Islamic world as opposed to

driving wedges. His approach is like Mikhail Gorbachev's was with the West in ending the Cold War.

From the Canadian perspective it has been a tough year. The recession will dampen Canada Day celebrations. But there is the larger picture to look at. The world is more important than our own backyard and we now have a world leader who is fair-minded and enlightened. He's a multilateralist, not a unilateralist. He favours conciliation over confrontation. He pursues a national health-care system and nuclear disarmament. He is standing up to climate change deniers.

He is, in sum, a president who is steeped in traditional moderate Canadian values. On the American national holiday and on our own, it is something to celebrate.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



## Worth mentioning

# 'Dry' cleaning takes on a whole new meaning

Who says you need water to get out that pesky stain? Instead, try thousands of tiny nylon polymer beads, a

zlen, president of Green Earth Cleaning Canada, which has teamed up with Xeros to launch the product.

little bit of laundry detergent and just a touch of water, says a new British company called Xeros.

The company will start selling "virtually waterless" laundry technology to retail dry cleaners in the U.K. and North America, including Canada, as early as next year.

It's all but magic. Environmentally efficient magic. In places where water is scarce, the new energy-efficient technology could save business owners a lot of money, said Robert Kuen-

When the magic little beads have exhausted themselves — after an estimated 500 washes — they can be reprocessed and reused. And they stop dirt and soap from

funneling down the drain. "In a typical laundry, whether it's at your home or at a dry cleaner's establishment, everything that you wash out of the clothes basically goes down the drain for the municipality to deal with," Kuenzlen said.

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## Word on the street: What does it mean to be Canadian?

**Bob McDonald**  
age 40, Calgary

A: We are surrounded by people of all races, walks of life and incomes and we manage to get along.

**Morgan Smith**  
age 26, Calgary

A: It's a place to call home.

**Danielle Miller**  
age 20, Winnipeg

A: I'm happy to live in a place that works to keep culture alive ... that comes together in this country's mosaic.

**Bjorn Carr**  
age 28, Halifax

A: The acceptance of every different culture. People are very involved in society and helping people with disabilities.

**Zahra Jimala**  
age 31, Vancouver

A: I'm not one ethnicity. I've got lots of ethnicities within me so when people ask me what are you or who are you, saying Canadian defines all of that.

**Sukh Toor**  
age 27, Vancouver

A: Being very friendly is Canadian. Saying "yes sir" or "yes ma'am" is Canadian. Stopping to give directions is Canadian.



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People often ask me for my secret to financial success. Some ideas come to mind: A hot market tip, a lottery win or a massive inheritance.

Dream on! If there is a single secret it is this — buy a home and stay there.

But I am seeing a trend towards the short-term

home purchase — the plan being to stay for a couple of years, turn a profit and move up. Wrong!

Obviously, some are forced to relocate for employment or other reasons, but moving as a choice is a big impediment to the goal of a mortgage-free home, preferably within 25 years of purchase.

Let's just talk about the cost of moving. It is incredibly expensive to bid your nest adieu and move to a new one.

From real estate and legal fees to decorating, repairing or updating both the sale home and the new one, the money mounts up. Then there are moving

# To save, just stay put

## The 'secret' to financial success is a no-brainer



Obviously some are forced to relocate for employment or other reasons, but moving as a choice is a big impediment to the goal of a mortgage-free home, preferably within 25 years.

costs, GST on new homes, utility hookups and, increasingly, land transfer taxes. Depending on the cost and the condition of both houses, moving within a city can total \$15,000 to \$35,000 and more.

Typically, purchase costs

get added to the mortgage so it's easy to minimize the sum in your mind.

Frequently lenders encourage buyers to apply for a home equity line of credit to pay for the "soft" costs of redecorating and purchasing new appliances.

### Alison's Money Rule:

- The real secret to financial success, a secure future and a debt-free retirement lies in the roof over your head.

And often home buyers extend their amortization in order to keep monthly payments the same. Such a strategy may

make you feel more comfortable but the real result is reduced equity in the home, more interest paid over the amortization period and a longer road to reach the mortgage-free dream.

Try to think about a home as you would a lifetime mate.

Falling in love for life, whether with a house or a human, pays off financially and emotionally over time. Even if you must wait to buy that "for-life" home, staying put is the secret to financial success.

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# CFL Preview



## History

The Canadian Football League was officially founded in 1958, but can trace its roots to the 1860s when rugby football started being played in Canada.

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### Saskatchewan Roughriders



**LAST SEASON** 12-6.

**KEY ADDITION** WR Jason Clermont.

**SIGNIFICANT LOSSES** LB Kitwana Jones, LB Maurice Lloyd.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** The Roughriders started 6-0 last season after winning the 2007 Grey Cup, but injuries and rotating quarterbacks eventually caught up with them. With a couple of key linebackers gone, they'll look to bounce back.

**THE BIG QUESTION** QB Dariun Durant is stepping into the spotlight as a starter for the first time in his CFL career. Will he give the Roughriders the stability they need?

### B.C. Lions



**LAST SEASON** 11-7.

**KEY ADDITIONS** LB Anton McKenzie and DE Nautyn McKay-Loescher.

**SIGNIFICANT LOSSES** DE Cameron Wake, LT Rob Murphy, RB Stefan Logan, SB Jason Clermont, RB Charles Roberts, LB Otis Floyd and LB Jamall Johnson.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** The winds of change are blowing through the Lions den with a number of last year's key starters gone.

**THE BIG QUESTION** Will the Lions truly be able to forget about two-time Most Outstanding Defensive Player Cameron Wake? GM and coach Wally Buono says the Lions will go with a committee approach when making up for Wake's 23 sacks, citing Ricky Foley and Gary Butler as linemen that have impressed.

### Montreal Alouettes



**LAST SEASON** 11-7.

**KEY ADDITION** DB Stanford Samuels.

**SIGNIFICANT LOSSES** OL Luke Fritz, LB Reggie Hunt.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** The Alouettes have been a dominant regular-season force and have advanced to six Grey Cups in the past nine seasons. But they've only won once. A healthy RB Avon Cobourne could help put them back on top.

**THE BIG QUESTION** The team's veteran stars — notably QB Anthony Calvillo and WR Ben Cahoon — are in the twilight of their careers. Do they have enough left to get back to the Grey Cup?

### Winnipeg Blue Bombers



**LAST SEASON** 8-10.

**KEY ADDITIONS** QB Stefan LeFors, DE Fred Perry.

**SIGNIFICANT LOSSES** SB Milt Stegall, QB Kevin Glenn, OL Alex Gauthier.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** New head coach Mike Kelly has overhauled the roster, making more than 30 significant changes, including the acquisition of Eskimos third-string QB Stefan LeFors to replace the released Kevin Glenn.

**THE BIG QUESTION** With so many new faces, the Bombers may need some time to find their way. How long will it take for Kelly and Co. to carve out their identity?

### Toronto Argonauts



**LAST SEASON** 4-14.

**KEY ADDITION** OL Rob Murphy.

**SIGNIFICANT LOSS** DB Byron Parker.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** It shouldn't get much worse for the Argonauts, who are coming off a dismal campaign. Head coach Bart Andrus, new to the CFL but with an extensive NFL and NFL Europe background, will look to right the ship.

**THE BIG QUESTION** Can veteran QB Kerry Joseph get back to the game-changing form he showed in 2007, when he was named CFL most outstanding player?

### Hamilton Tiger-Cats



**LAST SEASON** 3-15.

**KEY ADDITIONS** QB Kevin Glenn, OL Dan Goodspeed, OL Alex Gauthier.

**SIGNIFICANT LOSSES** RB Jesse Lumsden, QB Casey Printers.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** The Ticats have a new look after finishing last for four straight seasons. QB Quinton Porter oozes potential and he'll need to fulfil it if the Ticats are to claw their way out of the basement.

**THE BIG QUESTION** With former Indianapolis Colts RB Kenton Keith out indefinitely with a knee injury, will Hamilton have the running game to succeed?

**METRO CANADA**



Quarterback Henry Burris hopes to lead the Calgary Stampeders to their second straight Grey Cup title.

## Stamps favoured to repeat

**DAN TOTH**  
for Metro Canada

**The Calgary Stampeders proved they were the thoroughbreds of the Canadian Football League last year, capping a sensational 13-5 regular season with their first Grey Cup title since 2001. Now it seems the Stamps have the inside track to become the first CFL team since the 1997 Toronto Argos to successfully defend their title.**

The key piece of the puzzle is quarterback Henry Burris, the Grey Cup MVP who has signed a four-year contract extension to stay in Calgary through 2012.

"Henry has proven that he's an elite quarterback in

this league and a vital part of our football team," said head coach/general manager John Hufnagel. "We're ecstatic to know he'll be here for years to come."

Burris, 34, last season set career highs in passing yards (5,094), touchdown passes (39), completion percentage (64.5) and quarterback rating (103.8) while establishing his position as the CFL's top passer.

"This is the only team I can imagine playing for and I love the direction we're heading," said Burris. "I look forward to building on 2008. We all have great ambitions for the future."

The immediate future could include another Grey Cup ring. The Stampeders have 19 of their 24 starters

from last November's championship game back on the roster as they prepare to kickoff the 2009 CFL season. They open their schedule by hosting a Grey Cup rematch against the Montreal Alouettes tomorrow at McMahon Stadium.

The problem is Calgary has been ravaged by injuries during training camp and could enter the season without defensive backs J.R. Ruffin and Brandon Smith in addition to playing without receivers Kenyon Rambo, Ryan Thelwell and Jabari Arthur. Offensive linemen Jeff Pilon and Jesse Newman also have nagging injuries.

The Stamps host the 2009 Grey Cup game Nov.

29 and are challenging to be the first team since the 1994 B.C. Lions to capture the CFL title at home. Entering the season as favourites to play in the hometown Grey Cup comes with its own challenges, but the players are dismissing the pressure.

"The fact that we won last year means we're focused on the R-word (repeat) but every year your goal is to win the championship," said Randy Chevrier.

"Nobody comes into the season saying this year we're playing for second place. Every year it's the same motivation. The game's there and that's our goal, but that's everybody's goal."

## Revamped Eskimos have some work to do: Coach

**ROBIN BROWNLEE**  
for Metro Canada

Richie Hall was preaching patience when the Edmonton Eskimos opened training camp just a few weeks ago.

Thursday, Hall will find out if patience, and the pieces he's since put together in his first season as a CFL head coach, will pay off when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers come calling at Commonwealth Stadium.

"The focus changes," Hall said. "We're always evaluating ourselves, but now we have an opponent."

"During camp, it wasn't about opponents. It was

about slowly coming together as a team. Now, we want to keep the momentum going."

Hall, a long-time defensive co-ordinator with Saskatchewan before taking the coaching clipboard from Danny Maciocia this off-season, has a revamped offence, featuring running back Jesse Lumsden and some new receivers.

Hall has an overhauled defence, a unit that includes former Saskatchewan stalwarts Maurice Lloyd and Kitwana Jones.

And, with his team looking to build on a 10-8 campaign in 2008, Hall has expectations of the 46-man roster he's assembled in the wake of pre-season wins against his former team, Saskatchewan, and the B.C. Lions.

"We're not going to be the team we want to be in Week 1," Hall said. "We want to be the team

we're going to be in November. We have to be patient because it's a growth process."

Ricky Ray, who now owns just about every passing record in Edmon-

ton's record book, returns at pivot. Jason Maas will be his backup. Despite the loss of receivers Jason Tucker (retirement) and Kelly Campbell, Ray still has targets like Fred Stamps and Kamau Petersen. Now, add Lumsden.

On the other side of the ball, there's no question the defence has added some speed and aggression with Lloyd at middle linebacker, Jones and rookie defensive end Greg Peach.

"We've got some very talented players," Hall said. "It's about finding your mesh point. Finding that role. The quicker we can come together, the easier it is to go forward."





In 1909, Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada, donated the Grey Cup for the Rugby Football Championship of Canada. The Grey Cup championship game was first televised nationally in 1957. The trophy, along with the NHL's Stanley Cup, is one of the few in professional sports to be reissued each year instead of replaced. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Grey Cup trivia

## CFL Preview

2009  
SEASON SCHEDULE

## REGULAR SEASON

**WEEK 1**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1  
Toronto at Hamilton  
Montreal at **CALGARY**

**THURSDAY, JULY 2**  
Winnipeg at Edmonton

**FRIDAY, JULY 3**  
B.C. at Saskatchewan

**WEEK 2**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 9**  
Edmonton at Montreal

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**  
**CALGARY** at Winnipeg  
Hamilton at B.C.

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**  
Saskatchewan at Toronto

**WEEK 3**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 16**  
B.C. at Edmonton

**FRIDAY, JULY 17**  
Toronto at **CALGARY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 18**  
Montreal at Saskatchewan  
Winnipeg at Hamilton

**WEEK 4**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 23**  
Hamilton at Montreal

**FRIDAY, JULY 24**  
Toronto at Winnipeg  
**CALGARY** at B.C.

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**  
Edmonton at Saskatchewan

**WEEK 5**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 30**  
Montreal at Edmonton

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**  
B.C. at Hamilton

**SATURDAY, AUG. 1**  
Winnipeg at Toronto  
Saskatchewan at **CALGARY**

**WEEK 6**  
**FRIDAY, AUG. 7**  
Toronto at Montreal  
Saskatchewan at B.C.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 8**  
Edmonton at Hamilton  
Winnipeg at **CALGARY**

**WEEK 7**  
**THURSDAY, AUG. 13**  
**CALGARY** at Edmonton

**FRIDAY, AUG. 14**  
B.C. at Toronto

**SATURDAY, AUG. 15**  
Montreal at Winnipeg

**SUNDAY, AUG. 16**  
Hamilton at Saskatchewan

**WEEK 8**  
**FRIDAY, AUG. 21**  
Saskatchewan at Montreal  
Winnipeg at B.C.

**WEEK 9**  
**THURSDAY, AUG. 27**  
Hamilton at Edmonton

**FRIDAY, AUG. 28**  
**CALGARY** at Toronto

**WEEK 10**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 4**  
Montreal at B.C.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 6**  
Winnipeg at Saskatchewan

**MONDAY, SEPT. 7**  
Toronto at Hamilton  
Edmonton at **CALGARY**

**WEEK 11**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 11**  
Hamilton at Toronto  
**CALGARY** at Edmonton

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 13**  
B.C. at Montreal  
Saskatchewan at Winnipeg

**WEEK 12**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 18**  
**CALGARY** at Hamilton

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 19**  
Toronto at B.C.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 20**  
Winnipeg at Montreal  
Edmonton at Saskatchewan

**WEEK 13**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 25**  
Montreal at Hamilton  
B.C. at **CALGARY**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 26**  
Saskatchewan at Edmonton  
Toronto at Winnipeg

**WEEK 14**  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 2**  
Edmonton at Winnipeg  
Saskatchewan at B.C.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 3**  
Montreal at Toronto  
Hamilton at **CALGARY**

**WEEK 15**  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**  
B.C. at Edmonton

**SATURDAY, OCT. 10**  
Toronto at Saskatchewan

**MONDAY, OCT. 12**  
**CALGARY** at Montreal  
Winnipeg at Hamilton

**WEEK 16**  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 16**  
Edmonton at Toronto

**SATURDAY, OCT. 17**  
Saskatchewan at **CALGARY**

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**WEEK 18**  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 30**  
Toronto at Edmonton

**SATURDAY, OCT. 31**  
Saskatchewan at Hamilton  
**CALGARY** at B.C.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 1**  
Winnipeg at Montreal

**WEEK 19**  
**FRIDAY, NOV. 6**  
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Third at Second Places

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Third at Second Places

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CFL commissioner Mark Cohon is pleased the league's attendance and TV viewer numbers are up. He's also got his sights set on the eastern half of the country, working to get a team established in Ottawa and a regular-season game played in Moncton.

## 'CFL is Canada's league'

League commissioner Mark Cohon working to grow game coast to coast

**MATTHEW WUEST**  
Metro Canada



**Halifax appears to be all but forgotten — at least for now — in the eyes of CFL commissioner Mark Cohon.**

"If we have a (regular-season) game in Moncton, we'd like to see a lot of fans from Halifax make the drive," was all Cohon would say when asked where the city fits into his plans.

Moncton has effectively shouldered Halifax out of the equation in the race to become the CFL's Atlantic expansion team and could host a regular-season game in September 2010.

A new 10,000-seat stadium — expandable to

**"We're looking forward to 2009. We think we're going to have a good year."**

CFL commissioner Mark Cohon

20,000 with temporary seating — being built in Moncton for the 2010 world junior track and field championships has the New Brunswick city in the driver's seat. Halifax's inaction on the same front has Nova Scotia fading in the rearview mirror.

"I've had this conversation with many people," Cohon said. "Because there is no stadium in Halifax, it makes it very difficult for the league to consider big events there."

Exploring the market in Moncton and getting a

team back to Ottawa are Cohon's biggest priorities.

He said he is "working diligently" on getting a regular-season game in Moncton. Meanwhile, the ownership group of a conditional franchise in Ottawa is "making progress" in its effort to negotiate a stadium agreement with the city.

"If that comes to fruition, we're probably looking at the Ottawa team getting back into the market in 2012," Cohon said. "While hockey is Canada's game, I think the CFL is Canada's

league, and we want to be in the nation's capital."

Cohon said the league faces a challenge to succeed in the face of an economic downturn, particularly in Ontario, but boasted about a number of positives for the league.

Six of eight teams broke even or turned a profit in 2008; attendance is higher than it's been in 25 years; and television ratings on TSN were up 15 per cent in 2008.

"Those two benchmarks (TV ratings and ticket sales) that are so important for the league and so critical to the success of the league have been strong," he said. "We're looking forward to 2009. We think we're going to have a good year."

## Fate of Ottawa team rests in politicians' hands

**MIKE BEASLEY**  
for Metro Canada



If you're looking to read about any updates regarding the progress of Ottawa's CFL franchise check out the local news section of the city's newspapers before flipping to the sports pages.

The whole question of whether a team will ever hit the field is in the hands of the City of Ottawa and its municipal politicians.

Frank Clair Stadium and Lansdowne Park, the proposed home of the new franchise, are at the root of a debate between city council and four Ottawa busi-

**"We're making good progress ... But the deal has to be beneficial to both sides."**

Roger Greenberg, team investor

nessman who have led the charge to get the CFL back in the city.

On March 25, 2008, four local investors, led by Ottawa 67's owner Jeff Hunt, were awarded a conditional franchise after paying a \$7-million fee to bring the CFL back to eastern Ontario.

The team would play at a redeveloped Frank Clair Stadium as part of a proposed overhaul of the property called Lansdowne Live as submitted by Hunt and his team.

When the conditional franchise was awarded, league commissioner Mark Cohon stated the next step in the process was ensuring Ottawa had the "right facility" to accommodate a CFL team.

The deal will only move forward if an agreement with the city is struck to build an appropriate stadium. That's where things stand now.

Now, after months of discussions and town hall meetings debating the pros

and cons of redeveloping Lansdowne Park, a pivotal presentation at Ottawa City Hall on Aug. 26 may determine the future of the team.

"We're making good progress with city staff to reach an agreement in principle that we hope meets the concerns and exceeds the expectations of council and the public at large. But the deal has to be beneficial to both sides for it to work," said team investor Roger Greenberg.

With the city's approval, it will be first down and goal to go.

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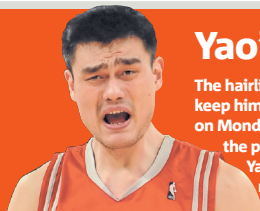
## U.S. Supreme Court to hear NFL case

The U.S. Supreme Court said yesterday it would decide whether the National Football League should be treated as a single entity under federal antitrust law in a dispute over an exclusive licence to make caps and other headgear.

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## Sports

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## Yao's career may be over

The hairline fracture in Houston Rockets centre Yao Ming's left foot could reportedly keep him sidelined next season and may be career-threatening. The Houston Chronicle on Monday quoted Rockets team physician Tom Clanton: "At this point, the injury has the potential for him missing this next season and could be career threatening."

Yao will receive several more opinions regarding the various options recommended to repair the bone.

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## Murray wins a thriller

A new layer of mystique was added to Wimbledon's unique charm yesterday when Andy Murray survived a five-set sweat-fest against Stanislas Wawrinka under Centre Court's new roof and long after darkness had descended.

The multi-million pound canopy had been redundant for the first week of the championships, but after it made its competitive debut to allow Dinara Safina to overcome Amelie Mauresmo earlier in the day it provided the perfect backdrop for the tournament's best match so far.

Thousands remained transfixed to the giant screen on Henman Hill to join the 15,000 fans perched on the edge of their padded seats inside the stunning arena.

They roared Murray to a 2-6 6-3 6-3 5-7 6-3 victory against the inspired Swiss 19th seed who, at times, seemed touched by the magic of his more illustrious compatriot Roger Federer.

Murray's late night drama trumped a dazzling day which saw five-times champion Federer, women's



Andy Murray reacts during his match against Stanislas Wawrinka yesterday at Wimbledon.

## Nestor advances

In men's doubles action yesterday, Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic eliminated Jonathan

Murray and Jamie Delgado of Britain to advance to the quarter-finals against Lukasz Kubot and Oliver Marach.

holder Venus Williams and sister Serena ease into the last eight.

Second seed Serena, beaten in last year's final by Ve-

nus, thrashed Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova 6-3 6-1 while Venus was required to play just eight games to get past sobbing Serb Ana

Ivanovic, who quit with a thigh injury after little more than half an hour on Court One.

Federer began the Centre Court programme with temperatures soaring to 31 degrees Celsius but retained his customary cool to beat Sweden's Robin Soderling, the man he overcame to claim a French Open title this month.

REUTERS

## Rays spoil Halladay's return

## MLB RESULTS

Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 1



Jeff Niemann outdueled a returning Roy Halladay in the Tampa Bay Rays' 4-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays last night in the opener of a three-game set at the Rogers Centre.

Niemann (7-4) gave up one run on four hits over 7½ innings, while Halladay (10-2), back from a groin injury that landed him on the disabled list, made just one mistake in his six innings of work, surrendering a two-run homer to Carl Crawford. Halladay, who was 7-0 in 10 previous outings, allowed five hits overall and struck out seven.

Dan Wheeler went 1½ innings for Tampa Bay and Randy Choate recorded the final out for his fourth save.

Crawford had two hits and walked for the Rays, who have won six straight, equaling their longest streak of the season. Pat Burrell homered and B.J. Upton added a sacrifice fly.

Rod Barajas drove in Toronto's only run with a single in the bottom of the eighth, one of five hits the Blue Jays mustered. Scott Rolen doubled to extend his career-high hitting streak to 17 games.

Halladay pitched out of trouble in both of the first two innings when Tampa Bay had a runner in scoring position, but the Rays were able to break through against the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner in the third.

Upton walked to begin the frame and Crawford followed with a blast to right field.

Toronto had nearly gotten on the board in the bottom of the second. Rolen doubled to lead off the in-

## First meeting

This was the first time these division rivals met in 2009. Tampa Bay took 11 of the 18 meetings between the clubs a year ago.

ning and pilfered third with one out. After Lyle Overbay was retired on a groundball to short, Niemann issued a free pass to Jose Bautista, putting men on the corners for Russ Adams, who fled out to center to end the threat.

Tampa Bay pushed across two more runs in the seventh. Jeremy Accardo started the inning and Burrell, the leadoff batter, deposited the right-hander's third pitch over the left-field wall. Jason Bartlett hit a one-out single, swiped a base, took third on a Dioner Navarro base hit and trotted home on Upton's sacrifice fly to right.

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## Sports in brief

**HOCKEY** The Pittsburgh Penguins agreed to terms on a one-year contract with unrestricted free agent forward Bill Guerin yesterday. Guerin came to the Pens from the New York Islanders in a trade-deadline deal on March 4, and picked up 12 points in 17 regular-season games, adding seven goals and 15 points in 24 playoff contests for the Stanley Cup champions. The Penguins also signed forward Craig Adams to a two-year deal yesterday. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

**SOCCER** Manchester City are believed to have made a \$47-million offer for Barcelona star Samuel Eto'o and are reportedly willing to pay him a staggering \$415,000-a-week wage. Barcelona president Joan Laporta had revealed at the weekend that City had made a "stratospheric offer" for the 28-year-old after Eto'o's agent, Josep Maria Mesalles, insists his client wants to stay. "If there is not a 180-degree turnaround, then he will stay with Barcelona," Mesalles said.

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## Sports in brief

**NHL** The Minnesota Wild made a qualifying offer to goaltender Josh Harding and five others yesterday. The 25-year-old Harding has served as the backup to starter Niklas Backstrom in his time with the Wild. In 19 games last season,

the Regina native was 3-9-1 with a 2.21 goals against average and .929 save percentage. Originally a second round selection of Minnesota in the 2002 draft, Harding is 19-27 with a 2.49 GAA in 58 career games.

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# Health & Beauty

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## The pursuit of happiness

Canadian women more satisfied than their U.S. counterparts

**Talk about a hot-button issue: Despite women's social and economic gains over the last 35 years, more American women report being less happy.**

In fact, a new gender gap has emerged: Men are now happier than women.

That's according to a study, *The Paradox of Declining Female Happiness*, by two University of Pennsylvania economists to be published in the *American Economic Journal* in August.

But the word's out, igniting gender battles online as both sides point fingers. "Typical complaining women," and "raving, loony feminists," snipe some males. "We have too much to do," and "sexist jerks," fe-



According to an American study, men are happier than women; but not so in Canada, says an expert.

males retort.

Happiness, it turns out, is far more nuanced than that and varies by nationality. A

Canadian expert says women here not only still top men in life satisfaction, but also score higher on the

happiness scale — which includes issues of social security — than their sisters to the south. Who knew?

**Canadian women top men in life satisfaction, says expert**

It's too early to tell if the American findings are a harbinger of a new gender gap here, of women's waning well-being.

"Is it indicative of social trends that will catch on and spread, or is it just a feature of U.S. life?" economist John Helliwell of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research asks rhetorically. One potential sign: Canadian teenage girls are reporting less life satisfaction than the boys.

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### Bee a queen bee

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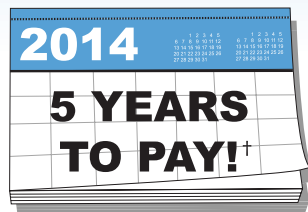
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# Canada the risqué

A look at how far our national sexual identity has come along

## The J Spot

**Josey Vogels**

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Canada has a colourful sexual history. While Pierre Trudeau's statement that the government had no business in the bedrooms of the nation undoubtedly influenced Canadian sexual values, it was in fact the bill he was introducing at the time — the 1967 Omnibus Bill — that has probably had more impact on our national sexual identity than any piece of legislation since. This bill made birth control and abortion more available, divorce more accessible and removed homosexuality from the Criminal Code.

Less than a decade previous to this, Canada wasn't quite as sexually liberal. The D.H. Lawrence classic *Lady Chatterly's Lover* was considered criminally obscene at least in Quebec as late as 1959.

But a decade after the Omnibus Bill, in 1977, Quebec became the first province to include sexual orientation in its Human Rights Code. It took the



The 1967 Omnibus Bill had enormous impact on our country's sexual identity, it removed homosexuality from the Criminal Code.

Supreme Court of Canada until 1995 to rule that sexual orientation is protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms but the feds made up for it by becoming the fourth country in the world to legalize same-sex marriage in 2005.

And, in the same year that gay people were celebrating their legal entry into the world of heterosexual monogamy, straight married couples were celebrating their legal right to have recreational sex with someone other than their partner when, in December of 2005, swingers' club were legalized in Canada.

You could also blame our liberal sexual attitudes on

Niagara Falls. According to Chris Gudgeon, author of *The Naked Truth: The Untold Story of Sex in Canada*, by 1867, Niagara Falls had become the Honeymoon Capital of the World because it was "a potent symbol of the awesome natural limitlessness of the new country." From the start, Gudgeon argues, "Canada and sex were linked in the world's imagination."

Our sexy rep has been solidified by people like Gwen Jacobs who took off her top on a hot day in Guelph, Ont., back in 1991, asserting she had just as much right to go topless as men. The court agreed and it became legal for women to go topless in Ontario.



Toss in our nude beaches, like Wreck Beach in Vancouver and Hanlan's Point on Toronto Island, the fact that Toronto is home to the Naked News ([nakednews.com](http://nakednews.com)) and The History of Contraception Museum, featuring the world's biggest collection of contraceptive devices, and you've got one sexy country.

From Dildo, Newfoundland to Bare Butt Bay in Northern Ontario, Cuddle Lake in Manitoba to The Nipples off the coast of B.C., Happy sexy Canada Day!

• Read about tennis, porn and Gloria Vanderbilt's steamy new novel in Josey's *Sexcetera* blog at [metronews.ca/blog/toronto](http://metronews.ca/blog/toronto).

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit [joseyvogels.com](http://joseyvogels.com).

## Tips to zap summer zits

**CELIA MILNE**  
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**SKIN CARE** And you thought winter was hard on your skin! Summer is tough too — hot weather and humidity can clog pores and make skin feel greasy.

Two rules to remember if you have acne: Don't pop your zits (this prolongs the healing process) and don't skip your moisturizer. Drying out your skin can stimulate more oil production.

Use a cleanser and a moisturizer that are oil-free, suggests dermatologist Dr. Jensen Yeung, director of The Psoriasis Clinic and co-director of the melanoma pigmented lesion clinic at Women's College Hospital.

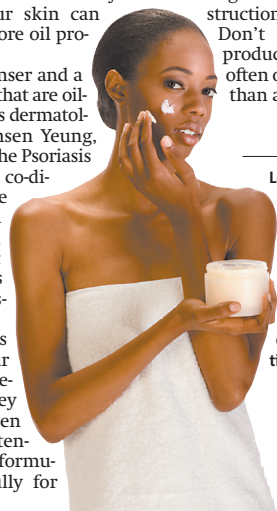
Yeung likes Clean & Clear products because they have been studied extensively and formulated carefully for

both teenage and adult acne.

Try Clean & Clear Deep Action Refreshing Gel Cleanser to clean your skin, and then Clean & Clear Morning Burst Shine Control Moisturizer to hydrate skin all day.

"It generally takes around four weeks to see noticeable results," says Yeung, who adds that it is important when starting a new skin-care regime to follow instructions carefully.

Don't use the products more often or less often than advised.



Left: Don't skip the moisturizer in the summer. Drying out skin can stimulate more oil production.

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Reaper co-star Missy Peregrin landed the lead role on the Canadian cop drama Copper, which will air on ABC. Copper centers on Andy McNally (Peregrin), a newly minted cop fresh from the academy and the daughter of a homicide detective. REUTERS

# Entertainment

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## Jackson clan seeks custody

The Los Angeles coroner's office yesterday dismissed as inaccurate a British newspaper report that said Michael Jackson was emaciated and almost bald when he died suddenly last week.

As the Jackson family clan gathered in Los Angeles to consider funeral details befitting the worldwide outpouring of affection for the King of Pop, the singer's mother filed court papers seeking custody of his three children.

Katherine Jackson asked the Los Angeles Superior court to appoint her guardian of Prince Michael, 12, Paris Katherine, 11, and Prince Michael II, 7, saying they have "no relationship with their biological mother."

The first two are Jackson's children from his ex-

wife Debbie Rowe and the third from an unidentified surrogate mother. A hearing was set for Aug. 3.

Two inconclusive autopsies have been carried out on Jackson — one by the Los Angeles County Coroner's office and one by a private pathologist. Toxicology tests are expected to take several weeks.

Jackson, 50, died suddenly of cardiac arrest at his rented Los Angeles home on Thursday, just a few weeks before a planned string of 50 comeback concerts in London.

Assistant chief coroner Ed Winter said details reported in the British Sun tabloid about Jackson's condition did not come from either the private or the county autopsy.

"I don't know where that information came from, or



Katherine Jackson, mother of Michael Jackson, is seeking custody of the late pop star's three children.

who that information came from. It is not accurate. Some of it is totally false," Winters told reporters.

Claiming it had seen a leaked autopsy report, The Sun said Jackson was wear-

ing a wig when he died to cover his "peach fuzz" hair, weighed only about 112 pounds (51 kg), that his hips, thighs and shoulders were riddled with needle wounds, and that his stomach was empty apart from

partially dissolved pills.

Jackson admitted in 1993 that he had an addiction to painkillers, but he had recently passed a lengthy medical exam ahead of the London concerts.

Civil rights leader Al Sharpton met with the family in Los Angeles yesterday to discuss a worldwide tribute to Jackson.

"I'm here to make sure Michael gets in death what he never got in life — he never got credit," Sharpton told reporters.

Joe Jackson told reporters on Sunday that funeral arrangements for the King of Pop were still being discussed but a family friend said services could take place tomorrow and the body could be buried at Jackson's famous Neverland Ranch in central California.

REUTERS

## Farrah's story

ABC's rebroadcast of Farrah's Story drew a larger audience than specials chronicling the life of Michael Jackson on Friday night. The Fawcett documentary drew 8.23 million viewers. STUDIOBRIEFING.NET



## Family turns up for BET Awards show

**PEOPLE** Top black performers paid high tribute to fallen pop star Michael Jackson at Sunday's BET Awards where his sister Janet Jackson and father Joe Jackson made their first public appearances since the singer's death.

The show's most moving moment came in a final tribute when Janet, a pop star in her own right, took the stage to thank the audience for turning out to honour her dead brother.

"To you, Michael is an icon. To us, Michael is family, and he will forever live in all of our hearts," said Jackson, her voice choking as she held back tears. "On behalf of my family and myself, thank you for all of your love. Thank you for all of your support, we miss him so much." REUTERS

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## Goodman's all good

Dancing With the Stars judge Len Goodman has admitted he was diagnosed with prostate cancer in March, but tells Britain's Mail on Sunday the disease was caught early at an annual check-up and, after surgery, he feels "right as rain." **EONLINE.COM**



# Sonic Youth slows down

Much-loved band spent far longer than usual on new disc

KEITH CARMAN  
for Metro Canada

**It only took New York-based alternative/experimental rockers Sonic Youth 30 years to realize that when you're patient, things turn out exponentially better.**

Since 1981, guitarist Thurston Moore, bassist/guitarist Kim Gordon, guitarist Lee Ranaldo, bassist Mark Ibold and drummer Steve Shelley have been hammering out albums at the nearly unshakeable pace of every year and a half; in the process, they helped define the No Wave and ensuing noise, indie

and alternative rock sub-genres with their avant-garde approach to combining the basic band structure with, well, whatever the hell they wanted.

It's worked, making them last longer than most musical trends. Recent studio effort *The Eternal* (Matador Records) is their 16th overall.

Instantly heralded as their strongest work in years, *The Eternal* knows no limits of praise, a wondrous feat given that their entire catalogue is already considered a high watermark.

That is, almost every one of their releases is considered essential from the likes of legendary acts such as Nirvana all the way down to your neighbourhood jam band.

So what is it about this 12-track effort that shines so bright? *The Eternal* was three years — aeons by Sonic Youth standards — in the making. The band took its time.



Sonic Youth helped define the No Wave and ensuing noise, indie and alternative rock sub-genres.

"We've been on this reliable track (putting out albums every year-and-a-half) but since we took time off for other endeavours, it took us longer to get to this," admits Ranaldo.

"All of that time was good for us to simmer. This is such a strong record, whatever time it took to make it was worth it."

Otherwise occupied with ventures such as touring in

nostalgic support of their revered 1988 effort *Daydream Nation* and creating a travelling museum exhibition based on their deep history, Ranaldo admits that actually getting to *The Eternal* seemed a bit of a chore for Sonic Youth.

However, after hunkering down, they quickly realized that the lengthy time working at it allowed the music to sink in, thereby making its recording

smoother and more natural. "We were supposed to start recording this one at the beginning of last year in February or March but it didn't happen until September," he notes. "We'd put it off for a month and another month. Before we knew it, eight of them had passed."

"Once we got into our studio though, the songs just flowed so easily, we recorded them live," he

continues, pondering how patience has affected Sonic Youth.

"What you hear on the album is how the song was recorded at that moment, no overdoing. It's the first or second take because we'd become so familiar and comfortable with the songs. Ultimately though, what it really means is that the songs are indicative of a band who's finally comfortable with themselves."

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## critics' corner

### Being Erica

Erica has a university education, but she can't seem to get anything resembling a career off the ground. Maybe she needed to make some better contacts in school. To test that theory, she time-travels back to her university days to join an exclusive secret society in hopes of getting a better start in "What I Am Is What I Am." 9 PM on CBRT



### Dog the Bounty Hunter

In "Mothers and Daughters," a young woman named Rachel fails to keep her end of a deal with her mom, who asks Dog to revoke Rachel's bond. Beth finds herself identifying with Rachel because of events in her own past, and she tries to persuade the woman to go to rehab and turn her life around. 2 PM on OLN

### The Mentalist

The Beach Boys never wrote a song to cover this situation. When a high-school girl's body washes up on the beach, CBI investigator Patrick Jane sets a trap to get a group of surfers to turn on one another and reveal what really happened in "Red Tide." You might say they go from "hanging 10" to hanging themselves. 10 PM on CFCN KREM



# Cops-and-robbers classic

## Public Enemies

**Director:** Michael Mann  
**Stars:** Johnny Depp, Christian Bale  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ⓈⓈⓈⓈⓈ

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
 for Metro Canada



There are many reasons to take in the massive pulp gangster epic *Public Enemies*, and no doubt, the chief feature the studio is banking on to pull in the pundits is the presence of poster boy Johnny Depp.

But in the grand tapestry of it all, Depp's admittedly charismatic performance isn't the most resonant element in director Michael Mann's ultra-stylized, retro shoot-'em-up.

The beloved big-screen sex symbol stars as real life 1930s American outlaw John Dillinger, who, like the equally loathed/loved Bonnie and Clyde, forged his name robbing banks during the Great Depression, amassing more press than any movie star dared even dream of achieving in the process.

His glamorous rampage is dogged by rock-jawed FBI agent Melvin Purvis (a typically engaging Christian



Johnny Depp plays Depression-era American gangster John Dillinger in *Public Enemies*.

Bale) and many macho confrontations and blood-spattered gun battles ensue.

Narrative drive isn't the focus of Mann's hypnotic crime opera, rather, like his classic and influential 1995 crime drama masterpiece *Heat*, the accent is on tone, atmosphere, texture and fetishizing violence to the point of lyricism.

When men point Tommy guns at each other and bullets meet bone in a Mann film, it's as ferocious

and primal as it is jarringly beautiful.

And while Depp is never anything less than entertaining as Dillinger, he's basically just being Depp in fancy-lad clothing — likeable and visually striking as always but cartoonish and never really revealing the emotional arc that the character truly requires to make him flesh and blood. Better still is Bale, who excels in a smaller, less showy but more

controlled role and gorgeous French actress Marion Cotillard (*La Vie en Rose*) who adds weight in a complex turn as Dillinger's moll. Better than any of them however, is British actor Stephen Graham (*Inkheart*) who, as psychotic Dillinger accomplice Baby Face Nelson, steals every scene he's in.

*Public Enemies* is a towering piece of work, as much a love letter to vintage Warner Bros. gangster melodramas as it is an extension of the shadowy good vs. evil urban jungle Mann began observing in the original *Miami Vice*. In other words, an instant cops-and-robbers classic.

• For *Public Enemies* photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies).

## Public Enemies screen times

• **Crowfoot Crossing:** Wed-Thu 12:40-4:7:25-10:40  
 • **Eau Claire Market:** Wed 11:30-2:45-6:30-9:45 Thu 2:45-6:30-9:45  
 • **Empire Studio 16 Country Hills:** Wed-Thu 12:40-1:15-

3:50-4:30-6:50-7:20-10-10:30  
 • **Empire Studio 10 MacLeod Trail:** Wed-Thu 12:15-3:20-6:50-10:05  
 • **Scotiabank Chinook:** Wed-Thu 10:45-12:45-2:4-10-5:10-7:20-8:20-10:40-11:30

• **Sunridge Spectrum:** Wed-Thu 12:35-3:50-7:10-10:25  
 • **Westhills 10:** Wed-Thu 12:20-3:35-6:50-10  
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## Transformers 2 year's No. 3 film

The *Transformers* sequel quickly became the third-biggest movie of the year at the North American box office after just five days of release, as the costly robot extravaganza surpassed industry expectations.

*Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*, a follow-up to the smash hit of 2007, earned an estimated \$201.2 million US since it blasted into theatres Wednesday, distributor Paramount Pictures said Sunday.

Earlier in the week, the Viacom Inc.-owned studio had conservatively forecast a five-day haul in the \$130 million to \$150 million range. But industry pundits said a tally of at least \$175 million was more likely.

"For me the high water mark was, could you get to \$200 million in seven days?" said Don Harris, ex-

## Box office history

• The first *Transformers* was the third-biggest film of 2007 in North America, ending up with \$319 million US.

ecutive vice-president of distribution at Paramount, adding that his target was met with skepticism by movie-theatre owners.

The biggest movies of the year so far are *Up with* \$250 million and *Star Trek* with \$246 million. The new *Transformers* movie is on track to hit the low \$300 million area by the end of next weekend, Paramount said. "We should have three really strong weeks before *Harry Potter* (and the *Half-Blood Prince*) comes in (on July 15)," Harris said.

The film narrowly missed the five-day opening record

of \$203.8 million set last year by *The Dark Knight*, the second-biggest film of all time before adjusting for inflation. Its \$60.6 million haul on its first day also fell just short of the all-time single-day record of \$67 million, set on a Friday by the *Batman* sequel.

Harris said women accounted for 46 per cent of moviegoers, up from 40 per cent for the first movie, an indication of the franchise's expanding appeal.

Exit surveys indicated that 91 per cent of moviegoers considered the film as good as or better than the first one, Harris said. Critics, on the other hand, were mildly favourable towards the first film, but mostly appalled by the sequel, according to Rotten Tomatoes, a website that analyzes reviews. **REUTERS**



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# Whatever Works

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IN THEATRES JUNE 26



The usual gang of prehistoric creatures go on a new adventure in *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs*.

## Ice Age sequel uninspired

### Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

**Director:** Carlos Saldanha, Mike Thurmeier

**Stars:** Ray Romano, Queen Latifah

**Classification:** PG

**Rating:** @@@@½

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



The problem with Pixar (and thereby *Dawn of the Dinosaurs*) is

### Ice Age 3 screen times

- **Crowfoot Crossing:** 3-D Wed-Thu 11:40-2:30-5:7:30-10:15; 4:15-6:45-9:15 Thu 4:15-6:45-9:15
- **Empire Studio 16 Country Hills:** Wed-Thu 12:20-3:35-9:15; 3-D Wed-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:45
- **Empire Studio 10 MacLeod Trail:** Wed-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:30; 3-D Wed-Thu 1:30-4:00-7:30
- **Scotiabank Chinook:** 3-D Wed-Thu 11:15-12:2-2:50-4:40-5:15-7:15-8-10:05-10:30
- **Sunridge Spectrum:** Wed-Thu 11:50-2:25-5:7:35-10:10; 3-D Wed-Thu 12:15-2:50-6:45-9:30
- **Westhills 10:** 3-D Wed-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:45
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that the studio behind such clever hits as *Up* and *Wall-E* has ensured all other studio attempts at animated family-fare seem juvenile and artless — Fox's *Ice Age 3* included.

Sure, the return of mastodons Manny (Ray Romano), Ellie (Queen Latifah) and the rest of the prehistoric herd will appeal to many children (especially in 3-D), but beyond a mere 90-minute distraction, there's not much for the kids to take home.

Now expecting a child, Manny and Ellie discover that below the ice-covered surface lies a world where ferocious dinosaurs still roam.

When John Leguizamo-voiced Sid the sloth (who attempts to mother a trio of unhatched dinosaur eggs) is carted away by the real mom, the rest of the clan set out on a search and rescue mission.

Led by Buck the swash-buckling weasel, the group treks across dangerous jun-

gles and the Chasm of Death (which is so-named because "Big Smelly Crack ... just made everyone giggle").

If that made you giggle, perhaps this comedy will resonate since its high points are mostly highlighted by gags about plants barfing, dinosaur mucous and flatulence (as Buck states, "He who has gas travels at the back of the pack").

There's surely no denying the production values; the animation is vibrant and detailed.

Plus, the success of the franchise will guarantee a following; but this third journey is ordinary, uninspired and about as progressive as the ice age itself.

In the film's own vernacular, that which is full of gas travels at the back of the pack.

• For *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs* photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies).

### DVD picks

#### Stone of Destiny

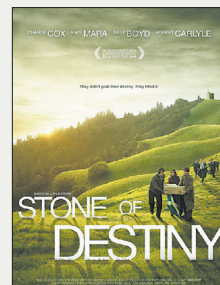
**Director:** Charles Martin Smith

**BASED ON** a true story, in *Stone*, young Scottish nationalists break into Westminster Abbey on Christmas Eve, 1950, to grab the hallowed Stone of Scone, deemed stolen by imperialistic Limeys.

Director Charles Martin Smith (*Air Bud*) brings energy and wit to this account of the incident, which is feather-light yet entertaining all the same.

In Glasgow winter of 1950, law student Ian Hamilton (Charlie Cox) decides Scotland's pride requires a daring act of self-empowerment.

With a few pounds donated by leading Scots na-



tionalist John McCormick (Robert Carlyle), a borrowed car and a handful of co-conspirators that include the feisty Kay Matheson (Kate Mara) and the scrappy Bill Craig (Billy Boyd), the rock nabbers set their plan in motion.

Extras include a director's commentary and a making-of featurette.

#### Two Lovers

**Director:** James Gray

**JOAQUIN PHOENIX'S** accomplishment in James Gray's layered romance is a small marvel, a leap of faith by a fearless artist who understands how love can lead to madness, and vice-versa.

Phoenix is Leonard Kraditor, a bipolar sadsack who lives at home with his parents. Two beautiful women enter his erratic orbit. Sandra (Vinessa Shaw), the daughter of an old family friend, and Michelle (Gwyneth Paltrow), his ecstasy-popping neighbour. Gray guides his strong cast to a resolution that is both surprising and entirely realistic.

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Ugly Betty star Ana Ortiz and her husband, musician Noah Leibenzon, have welcomed their first child, a daughter, on Saturday, People reports. Paloma Louise Leibenzon was born at 4:25 p.m. in New York City and weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Betty star's new baby**

## Celebrity Buzz

### LiLo gets party started early

**BIRTHDAY GIRL** Lindsay Lohan hit Vegas this weekend to launch her new line of tanning products, Sevin Nine, and used the opportunity to turn the event into an impromptu early birthday celebration — even though her big day isn't until next month.

The actress indulged in poolside fun, decadent chocolate cake and five wardrobe changes, according to spies for the Daily Mail. Lohan was back in L.A. by Sunday evening, when she headed out to dinner with on-again, off-again girlfriend Samantha Ronson.

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### Vanessa bounces back with Topher

**ON THE REBOUND** Vanessa Minnillo seems to already be moving on from Nick Lachey. She was spotted getting quite friendly with That '70s Show star Topher Grace on the dance floor at a Los Angeles party hosted by Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane, according to Radar Online.

After a few increasingly intimate dance numbers, the pair reportedly started making out right there on the floor for everyone to see, then later left the party together.

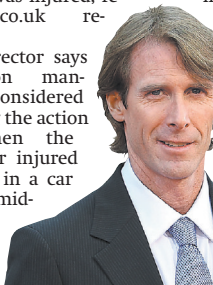
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### Without Shia, Transformers nothing?

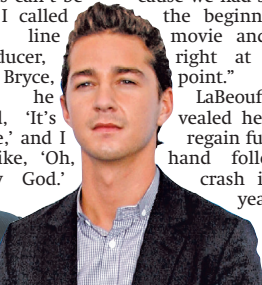
**A TRUE MOVIE STAR** Michael Bay almost cancelled Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen when Shia LaBeouf was injured, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The director says production managers considered scrapping the action film when the lead actor injured his hand in a car accident mid-way through filming.



and admits they were "lucky" to complete it.

He said: "I actually read it on CNN online and was like, 'This can't be true.' I called my line producer, Ian Bryce, and he said, 'It's true,' and I was like, 'Oh, my God.'"



He said, 'Let's shut down,' and I said, 'We can't shut down!'

"We were very lucky because we had shot a lot of the beginning of the movie and we were right at a turning point."

LaBeouf recently revealed he will never regain full use of his hand following the crash in July last year.

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### Hollywood salary, teen allowance

**DOWN TO EARTH** My Sister's Keeper star Abigail Breslin just got a raise, people.com reports. The Oscar-nominated actress rakes in an estimated \$2 million US per movie these days, yet, her allowance only went up by \$1 in April.

"I get \$13 (a week) now, because I'm 13," she said. Breslin, who has been in show business since she was five, ranked eighth in

Forbes magazine's list of Young Hollywood's Top-Earning Stars, in 2007 after pulling in \$1.5 million in 2006. At home, she's earned her age the past couple years, and, with her most-re-



cent pay raise comes more responsibility.

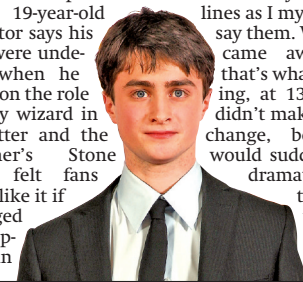
"My chores have gotten a little heavier," she said. "My brother used to always to feed the cat and now I feed the cat, which isn't a big deal, but it kind of is, because my cat eats tons. It's like an all-day long cycle."

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### I'm just like Harry, Daniel says

**ART BECOMES LIFE** Daniel Radcliffe doesn't act when playing Harry Potter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 19-year-old British actor says his abilities were undeveloped when he first took on the role of the boy wizard in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and he felt fans wouldn't like it if he changed his approach in



later movies.

He said: "When I started out at the age of 10 or 11, I was essentially saying the lines as I myself would say them. When I became aware that that's what I was doing, at 13 or 14, it didn't make sense to change, because it would suddenly be a dramatic shift in the character."

Radcliffe ad-

mits he is very much like his famous character — created in the best-selling children's book series by J. K. Rowling — and even his mother has noticed the similarities.

He told Parade magazine: "When she read the sixth book she noticed that Harry argues in the kind of irritating, pedantic way that I argue. She thought Harry and I were getting closer and closer together at that point."

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### Britney turns over new leaf?

**STARTING OVER** Britney Spears is a brunette, us-magazine.com reports. The singer, 27, showed off the darker do over the weekend while shopping with boyfriend (and agent) Jason Trawick in Santa Monica, Calif. They stocked up on brooms and picture frames.

Last week, a



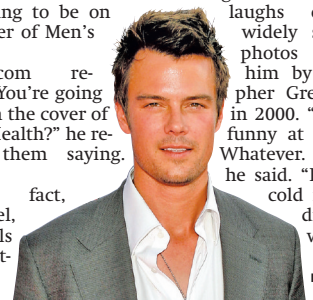
source close to the singer shot down reports that the two are engaged. Still, another source told us-magazine.com that Trawick, 27, has had "a calming effect over Britney." Said a third source: "He is incredible with the kids. He absolutely adores them."

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### Josh's new role: Cover boy

**STRIKE A POSE** Josh Duhamel claims even his friends were skeptical when he told them he was going to be on the cover of Men's Health, people.com reports. "You're going to be on the cover of Men's Health?" he recalled them saying. "You?"

In fact, Duhamel, 36, tells the fitness



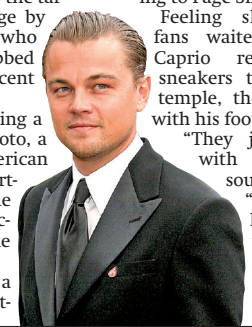
magazine that he wants to be remembered for his talent, not just his rugged good looks. And he laughs off those widely seen nude photos taken of him by photographer Greg Gorman in 2000. "To me, it's funny at this point. Whatever. It's done," he said. "It was very cold in the studio, by the way."

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### Joke's on Leo after prank

**THE LAST LAUGH** Leonardo DiCaprio was the target of revenge by some fans who felt he'd snubbed them on a recent trip to Japan.

While visiting a temple in Kyoto, a pair of American tourists reportedly asked the star for a picture, but he declined, pointing to a sign prohibit-



ing photography, according to Page Six.

Feeling slighted, the fans waited until DiCaprio removed his sneakers to enter the temple, then made off with his footwear.

"They just ran off with them," a source said. "The poor guy had to leave the place barefoot."

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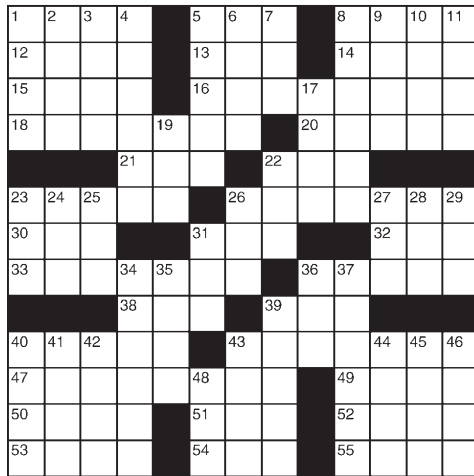




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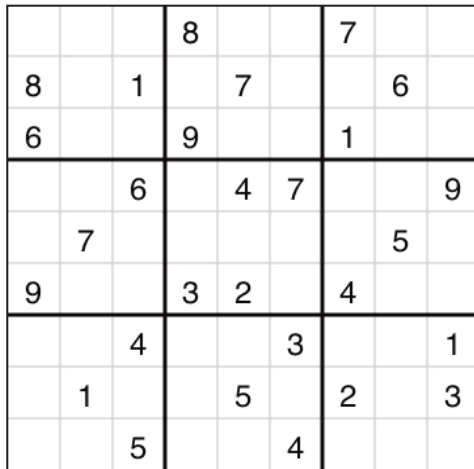
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**Sudoku**

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



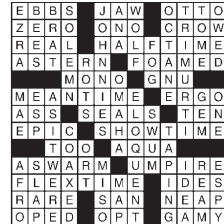
**Crossword across**

- 1 Guitars' kin
- 5 Conclude
- 8 Audio equipment brand
- 12 Punjabi believer
- 13 Old French coin
- 14 Maleficence
- 15 Basin accessory
- 16 Pavement
- 18 Motorcycle attachment
- 20 Irritates
- 21 Distort
- 22 Distant
- 23 Laurel's partner
- 26 Courtroom conference
- 30 Xanadu band
- 31 Monkey suit
- 32 SNL alumna Gasteyer
- 33 Swing band musician
- 36 Pop
- 38 19
- 39 Playground pastime
- 40 Conspiracy theories
- 43 Gun of a sort
- 47 Duck
- 49 Hodgepodge
- 50 Epidermis
- 51 Owns
- 52 Trademark symbol
- 53 Camper's shelter
- 54 TV Tarzan Ron
- 55 College VIP

**Crossword down**

- 1 Employs
- 2 New Zealand bird
- 3 Supplemented, with "out"
- 4 Crafty
- 5 English composition
- 6 Bleak, as film
- 7 Flop
- 8 Caveat word
- 9 Elliptical
- 10 Ledge
- 11 BPOE members
- 17 "Zounds!"
- 19 Weep
- 22 Repair
- 23 Cock and bull?
- 24 Foreman competitor
- 25 Sceptre
- 26 Sky sight
- 27 Proscribe
- 28 Moreover
- 29 Shaft from 26-Down
- 31 April 15 payment
- 34 Range
- 35 Fail to hit
- 36 Mid-june honoree
- 37 Ancient
- 39 In one's cups
- 40 "Hey, you!"
- 41 Similar to
- 42 Valhalla bigwig
- 43 Close up tight
- 44 Lotion additive
- 45 Latvia's capital
- 46 Armstrong's destination
- 48 Definite article

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**



1	8	4	7	2	6	5	9	3
9	5	7	1	3	8	2	4	6
6	3	2	4	9	5	1	7	8
5	2	9	3	6	7	8	1	4
8	4	3	5	1	2	9	6	7
7	1	6	8	4	9	3	5	2
4	7	8	9	5	3	6	2	1
3	6	5	2	7	1	4	8	9
2	9	1	6	8	4	7	3	5

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**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

- Under 13 min .....Genius
- 13-17 min .....Scholar
- 17-21 min .....Smart
- 21-25 min .....Not bad
- 25+ min .....Keep practising

**Metro Recipe of the Day**



**Spicy Chicken Soup**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground coriander
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground turmeric
- 4 cups (1 l) diluted chicken or vegetable stock
- 14 oz (396 ml) can chopped tomatoes
- 1 lb (500 g) skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into 1/4-in. (0.5-cm) strips
- 1/2 lb (250 g) green beans, trimmed and chopped
- 400 g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) low-fat yogurt
- pinch of cayenne pepper
- 12 sprigs of fresh coriander

**METHOD:**

- 1. Heat oil in large, heavy-based pot or flameproof casserole dish over medium heat. Add onions and fry for 3 minutes, stirring. Add garlic and continue stirring 2 minutes longer until onions are softened, but not brown.

- 2. Reduce heat slightly and stir in spices. Continue stirring over gentle heat so spices release their aroma. Take care not to let mixture burn.
- 3. Stir in stock and tomatoes with their juice, increase heat and bring to boil. Then reduce heat to gentle simmer.
- 4. Add chicken, beans and chickpeas to pot, bring back to boil, then reduce heat, cover and leave soup to cook gently 10 minutes until chicken is cooked through and beans are just tender. Taste one bean to test if it is cooked and cut piece of chicken in half to make sure it is no longer pink in centre. Stir in chopped coriander and season.
- 5. Ladle soup into individual bowls, then add dollop of yogurt to each serving, sprinkle with cayenne pepper and garnish with coriander. Serve with chapattis or nan bread.

**SERVES 4**



**Horoscopes by Sally Brompton**

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**ARIES**  
MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Make sure you get your message across today, both at home and at work. If you make the effort you will quite easily find the words to win over others.

**LIBRA**  
SEPT 23-OCT 23



Your powers of persuasion are strong currently and both family and financial matters will go well if you let others know what you expect of them.

**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21-MAY 21



All things are possible if you believe they are possible, so stop looking for reasons why your plans could go wrong and focus on why they will go right.

**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22



Don't be afraid to speak up if a loved one is making a mistake of some kind. You'd never forgive yourself if they suffered because you stayed silent.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 22-JUNE 21



You don't have to be sociable or put in more work hours than strictly required. If you'd prefer to be by yourself today by all means do so.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV 23-DEC 21



It's not like you to focus on the little things that could wrong rather than the big things that will go right, so why are you doing it now? Snap out of it.

**CANCER**  
JUNE 22-JULY 22



Group activities of all kinds are under good stars; you'll have plenty to show for your efforts by day's end. Team tasks will go easier if you seize the initiative.

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC 22-JAN 20



You're getting all sorts of offers from all sorts of directions, but you seem reluctant to commit. If you're waiting for a perfect offer, don't wait forever.

**LEO**  
JULY 23-AUG 23



Who said Leos have fixed ideas? Clearly they don't know what they are talking about and you will prove it today as you think in new directions.

**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 21-FEB 18



If you see or hear something to your advantage today, act on it quickly. Don't waste time wondering what it means to other people. It's OK to be selfish.

**VIRGO**  
AUG 24-SEPT 22



You may not want to hurt a close friend's feelings, but say what needs to be said then offer a shoulder to cry on. They'll thank you for it one day.

**PISCES**  
FEB 19-MARCH 20



Someone will try to blame you for a mistake that was mainly, if not wholly, down to them today. Don't let them get away with it.

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